

## DOD approves 2 terrorism war medals

Military members serving at home and abroad in the war on terrorism will be recognized for that service as Defense officials announced the final approval of two medals and their criteria.

Individuals who have deployed to Operations Enduring Freedom or Iraqi Freedom will be awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal will be awarded to those who served in airport security operations in the United States following the Sept. 11 attacks, or who supported operations Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle or Iraqi Freedom.

"These medals recognize the significant contributions members of the armed forces bring to bear in combating terrorism in all forms throughout the world—for both current and future operations," stated a DOD news release.

Individuals can receive both medals if they meet the individual criteria, officials said.

To be awarded the expeditionary medal, individuals must have been deployed outside the United States for OEF or OIF for 30 consecutive days or 60 nonconsecutive days. The time requirement is not needed if the individual engaged in combat, was wounded or killed in action or was medically evacuated for any reason, officials said.

The area of eligibility encompasses the U.S. Central Command area, excluding the lower Horn of Africa; Middle East; eastern Turkey; Philippines; Diego Garcia and all air spaces above the land and adjacent water areas, according to the release.

Each day aircrew members fly sorties into designated areas counts as one day of deployment toward the 30- or 60-day requirement.

Individuals engaged in combat may be eligible for battle stars on the expeditionary medal. Only a combatant commander can initiate a request for a battle star.

Personnel eligible to receive the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal must have participated or support operations on or after Sept. 11. Service medal eligibility dates run from Sept. 27, 2001, until May 31, 2002, for individuals who served in airport security operations.

The same 30- or 60-day requirements apply to the service medal as to the expeditionary medal.



Karen Klar, Sandia National Laboratories, is prepared for donating blood by United Blood Services employee Judith Carrillo. They are in the UBS Bloodmobile which collects blood every Tuesday at the labs. UBS collects blood every week at other locations throughout the base.

By Todd Berenger

# Donated blood saves lives here and in combat zones

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Donating blood is something that takes very little time, but can have a lasting impact. Donated blood saves lives every day and giving blood is giving life.

As everyone knows, American military forces are actively fighting the global war on terrorism with thousands of military personnel deployed in support of our country's freedom.

The William Beaumont Army Medical Center Blood Donor Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, manages our region's Armed Services Blood Program. They conduct quarterly blood drives at Kirtland AFB to meet our troops' needs.

More specifically, blood collected at Kirtland AFB through this source provides support to the troops engaged in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Especially critical is the need for type O blood since this is a universal donor blood type, and the only safe blood to use for transfusions until tests confirm blood type. Type O blood is the first line of defense for trauma victims and can be used to keep trauma victims alive.

In an unpredictable world, time is in short supply; we need to make sure blood is not.

In addition, United Blood Services is the Kirtland AFB community blood provider.

United Blood Services has an urgent and constant need for donors to replace aging blood supplies. Blood collected on Kirtland AFB through this source is credited to the New Mexico Veterans Affairs Health Care System, which is used by the 377th Medical Group's patients.

United Blood Services have several upcoming blood drives at Kirtland AFB, which are updated weekly in the Nucleus.

### Upcoming blood donations

**William Beaumont Army Medical Center's upcoming blood drives are April 21, Aug. 18 and Nov. 3.**

**United Blood Services donation days, places:**

**Sandia National Laboratories, every Tuesday, Bloodmobile, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**377th Civil Engineers and Chugach, March 26, Bloodmobile, noon-3:30 p.m.**

**Kirtland NCO Academy, March 29, Bloodmobile, 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

Some confusion exists as to who is able to donate. New restrictions now exclude over 40 percent of military personnel and many military retirees from donating blood. The need for blood has not decreased however, so it is more critical now than ever before for all DOD beneficiaries and civilian employees to donate if possible.

The following are not eligible to donate blood: individuals who lived in Europe for extended times, 1980-1996, because of mad cow disease, and anyone who has

lived in malaria endemic areas. Also other restrictions may preclude donating blood.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility to donate blood, contact United Blood Services at 843-6227 or William Beaumont Army Medical Center at 915-568-3365.

Let's roll up our sleeves and do what we can for our military troops overseas fighting the war on terror, and for our own community!

## Congress authorizes Korean Defense Service Medal

A new Korean Defense Service Medal is America's way "of recognizing the tremendous accomplishments," said a Pentagon spokeswoman, of service members who served in Korea from July 28, 1954, to a future undetermined date. "The Republic of Korea is prosperous, free and democratic because of the

sacrifices of generations of Americans in that land," she added.

Officials say the medal should be available at the beginning of June. Those currently on active duty will receive the medal via their units. Those retired or out of the service may apply through contacting their former service branches.

To qualify for the medal, service members must have served in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles and all air spaces above the land and water areas.





Photo by Todd Berenger

Col. Patricia K. Hunt, 377th Maintenance Group commander, offers a driver a cookie at a Kirtland Click-It traffic stop. The colonel, along with 377th Security Forces Squadron and 377th Air Base Wing safety representatives, was checking

for seatbelt violations on Randolph Avenue adjacent to Building 1010. The effort caught several violators. Failure to wear seatbelts will earn violators a \$69 fine.

# Kirtland Click-It

## *Joint cop, safety operation nabs seatbelt scofflaws*

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What is the hottest topic on Kirtland AFB? It's the joint operation between 377th Air Base Wing Security Forces and Safety-Kirtland Click-It.

In fact, Kirtland AFB is ahead of the ball game, as this program will soon be required on all AF bases.

For the past two months, both security forces and wing safety team up at an identified traffic accident location for random seatbelt checks.

This past week, Col. Patricia K. Hunt, 377th Maintenance Group commander, joined up with the Kirtland Click-It team adjacent to Building 1010 on Randolph Avenue to conduct seatbelt checks.

In an hour, they came in contact with 200 vehicle operators, and issued several warnings and two traffic citations.

What happens when you are caught not wearing your seatbelt? Hold on to your wallets.

Department of Defense Form 1805, United States District Court Violation Notice, will be issued to all civilian offenders, and the minimum fine is \$69 for each offense.

Military offenders are issued Department of Defense Form 1408, Armed Forces Traffic Citation, and are issued points against base driving privileges as stated in the Traffic Point System in Air Force Instruction 31-204, Chapter 5. The minimum point assessment ranges from four points for not using the

restraint at all to two points for not using a child restraint properly, i.e. booster seat, infant carrier, etc.

A minimum of four points will be assessed for not using the child restraints at all.

If the driver accumulates 12 points within 12 consecutive months or 18 points in 24 consecutive months, they will be subject to having their driving privileges suspended for more than six months.

Safety is encouraging Unit Safety Representatives to participate in the Kirtland Click-It campaign.

Key contacts are Senior Master Sgt. Brent Belcoff, operations superintendent, 377th Security Forces Squadron, 853-1428 or 975-3683 and Bill Emmer, 377th Air Base Wing chief of Ground Safety, 846-4227.

# Sponsoring guests simple, yet security conscious

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Sponsoring guests onto Kirtland AFB can be confusing in the aftermath of the 2001 terrorist attacks that prompted higher security.

Here are some current guidelines to help destress the process, and to help your visitors receive a warm welcome at the installation.

If you are expecting nine or less visitors, all you need to do is call the visitor gate at which your guests will need to enter the installation. Your visitors who are driving will be required to show driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance to drive onto the installation. Passengers will also need to provide photo identification; no credit cards or other forms of nonofficial, nonphoto identification will be accepted.

To call the gate, use these telephone numbers: Gibson Gate at 846-7240, 5 a.m.-8 p.m. daily; Wyoming Gate at 846-6118, 24 hours every day; and Truman Gate at 846-7509, 24 hours every day.

If you are sponsoring 10 or more people onto the installation for an event, you must provide a hard copy list of those attending to the Police Services Section on the second floor of the Law Enforcement Desk in Building 20220. Enter from the door facing Texas Street.

The list should be delivered to Police Services Section at least two days before the event. If you need to add names to your guest list, and it is nine or less names, you can call the visitor center where the guests will enter. If you need to add 10 or more names to an existing list, you need to provide an updated complete list of names in place of the original one to the Police Services Section.

Security forces members will screen your guests at the gates, based on your provided list. All guests must be on your list to be admitted. A guest cannot sponsor another guest. Sponsors must be base-affiliated.

In the event the Force Protection Condition moves to BRAVO or higher, you must not only follow these guidelines, but you also must meet your guests at the gate where you will verify guests identities for the security forces personnel.

If you have questions about the procedures, contact the Police Services Section at 846-0352 or 846-0369.

The policy letter is on the Kirtland AFB Extranet at <https://wwwmil.kirtland.af.mil/Organizations/CMDSecti on/po l i c y L e t t e r s / d o c s / EventGuestLists.pdf>.